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The Applicant has amended claims 23, 30-33, 37, 41, 42, and inserted several new limitations such as the biopolymer "consists only of fructose and glucose" as well as added additional steps to the methods. These limitations were not presented before the Final Office Action was issued. New limitations require new considerations and the possibility of a new search would not be proper since the action was already made final and prosecution is closed. Please See M.P.E.P. § 714.12 and 714.13 for further information.

Furthermore all arguments presented After Final are drawn to these amendments and are not considered at this time since they will not be entered.

It should be kept in mind that applicant cannot, as a matter of right, amend any finally rejected claims, add new claims after a final rejection (see **37 CFR 1.116**) or reinstate previously canceled claims.

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